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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: David A. Cook et al.  
Serial No.: 10/661,326  
Filing Date: September 12, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 2619  
Confirmation No.: 9358  
Examiner: Brian T. O'Connor  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VERIFYING  
THE VALIDITY OF A PATH IN A NETWORK  
ENVIRONMENT

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 1, 2008 ("Final Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.